

February 4, 2003

Mr. William F. Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

Dear Mr. Caton:

With this letter Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. hereby transmits a complete copy of its Base Document Tariff which includes all tariff changes that became effective as of the month of January, 2003.

As indicated on the title page, this tariff is cancelled in its entirety effective January 15, 2003.

Please address any inquiries concerning this letter to the attention of Suzie Phan, 318/322-0015, TEC Services, Inc., 1309 Louisville Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, or E-Mail at [suziep@tecservices.net](mailto:suziep@tecservices.net).

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

## SUPPLEMENT NO. 12

In accordance with the Orders of the Federal Communications Commission, *In the Matter of: December 17, 2001 MAG Access Tariff Filings*, Order, CCB/CPD No. 01-23, DA 01-3023 (rel. Dec. 31, 2001), the effective date of the tariff revisions originally filed on December 17 and 26, 2001, and further enumerated below are advanced by one day to December 31, 2001. In addition, the subject tariff revisions are suspended for a period of one day to become effective on January 1, 2002, as further ordered by the Federal Communications Commission. *See supra*. Transmittal 82 Issued on December 17, 2001, and amended on December 18 and 26, 2001

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Pursuant to Special Permission Number 93-992 of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective date of the tariff pages listed below, filed under Transmittal No. 61, are deferred from December 1, 1993 to December 30, 1993.

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Pursuant to the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order Suspending Rates and Designating Issues for Investigation in CC Docket No. 93-193, released June 23, 1993, the tariff material filed under the following listed transmittal is suspended for a period of one day until July 2, 1993.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Pursuant to Special Permission Number 89-709 of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective date of the tariff pages listed below filed under Transmittal No. 40, which was deferred from August 28, 1989 to September 27, 1989, under Transmittal No. 42, is hereby again deferred until October 1, 1989.

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Pursuant to the order of the Federal Communications Commission in Access Billing Requirements for Joint Service Provision, CC Docket No. 87-579, Phase II, DA 88-1544 (released October 4, 1988), the tariff pages filed under Transmittal No. 34 will become effective on January 15, 1989 and Phase II of the Commission's investigation regarding access billing requirements for joint service provision is terminated. Therefore, Supplement No. 6 remains in effect until January 15, 1988, at which time this supplement cancels Supplement No. 6 in its entirety.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Pursuant to Special Permission Number 88-389, the expiration date for the currently effective meet point billing provisions as they appear in the following sections and pages is deferred until further notice.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Pursuant to Special Permission Number 88-240, the meet point billing provisions as they appear in the following sections and pages will expire at the end of August 31, 1988, unless otherwise canceled, changed or amended.

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Pursuant to Special Permission Number 88-49, rates on applicable tariff pages have been adjusted to directly reflect the Rate Adjustment Factor contained in Supplement No. 3.

In compliance with the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order in Annual 1988 Access Tariff Filings, DA 87-1876 (released December 24, 1987) and pursuant to Special Permission No. 87-742, a Rate Adjustment Factor of 0.9292 is applied to the switched traffic sensitive local switching and local transport rates effective January 1, 1988. The adjusted rates are calculated by multiplying the local switching and local transport rates in effect on January 1, 1988 by 0.9292 and rounding the rates as they appeared on January 1, 1988.

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Pursuant to Special Permission Number 87-730, the meet point billing provisions as they appear in the following sections and pages will expire at the end of June 30, 1988, unless otherwise canceled, changed or amended.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Pursuant to Special Permission Number 87-301 of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective date of the tariff pages listed below filed under Transmittal No. 17 is deferred from May 11, 1987 to June 2, 1987.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

**AS OF JANUARY 15, 2003, THIS TARIFF IS CANCELLED IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
BEGINNING ON JANUARY 15, 2003, THE RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPANY'S  
PROVISION OF ITS INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES MAY BE FOUND IN THE  
NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 5.**

Regulations, Rates and Charges applying to the provision of Access Services within the certificated operating territory of Big Creek, Bay Springs, Homewood, Louin, Old Taylorsville, Polkville, Pittman, Rose Hill, SoSo, Sylvarena, White Oak, and Walters exchanges of the Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. in the State of Mississippi.

Service is provided by means of wire, radio, satellite, fiber optics or other suitable technology or combination thereof.

The name, title and street address of this tariff's issuing officer are located on the bottom of each page.

All Services within the operating territory of Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. was previously provided under the Exchange Carrier's Association tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

Pursuant to special permission number 85-89, Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. obtained authority to reference Section 3 of the Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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Title Page 1 and Pages 1 to 641 and Supplement No. 11, inclusive, of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Revised pages as named below contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect on the date hereof.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONTariff Supplements

- A Supplement may be filed with the FCC to change the effective date of tariff pages or tariff material without reissuing or refiling the affected tariff pages.
- A Supplement will briefly describe the action taken (e.g., suspension, deferral, effective date change, etc.) as well as indicate what tariff material, sections or pages are affected.
- The Supplements in effect are listed by number on the first Check Sheet, in the text at the top of that Check Sheet. When a Supplement is no longer needed, it will be deleted from the Check Sheet.
- It is recommended that Supplements be placed in the front of the tariff, preceding the Title Page.

Title Page

- Title Page 1 provides information regarding the FCC number of the tariff, the class of service provided, the geographical application of the tariff, and the type of facilities used to provide service. This page also provides information related to the origination of the tariff.

Check Sheet(s)

- When new or revised tariff pages are filed with the FCC, revised and updated Check Sheets are also filed with the FCC.

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- The Check Sheets list all pages in the tariff as well as the most recent revision number of each page. When pages are changed, or added, the Check Sheets are changed to reflect the change or addition. An asterisk (\*) is placed next to revised or added pages to highlight the pages changed.
- The Check Sheets list the most recent page revision filed with the FCC. It does not indicate that the latest revision is effective. The effective date on the page itself and Tariff Supplements must be examined to determine page effectiveness.

Table of Contents (Pages 2 through 42)

- The Table of Contents lists the Sections and paragraphs of the Tariff and provides a page number at which that Section or paragraph begins.

Other Carriers (Page 43)

- In addition to Issuing Carriers, all Concurring, Connecting and Other Participating Carriers, are listed in the tariff. There are none in this tariff.

Symbols and Abbreviations (Pages 44 through 46)

- A listing and explanation of tariff coding symbols and abbreviations used in the tariff is provided.

Technical Publications (Pages 47 through 49)

- The status and availability of technical publications required for the provision of Access Service is provided.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)Section 1 - Application of Tariff

- States the application and scope of the Access Service tariff.

Section 2 - General Regulations

- States the general regulations that apply to the access services offered by this tariff.

Section 3 - Carrier Common Line Access Service andSection 4 - End User Access Service

- State the specific rates and regulations for Carrier Common Line and End User Access Service, respectively.

Section 5 - Ordering Options

- States the rates and regulations for the Ordering Options available for the ordering of switched and special access services.

Section 6 through 13

- State the specific rates and regulations for the following Access Services:

6 - Switched Access Service

7 - Special Access Service

8 - Billing and Collection Services

9 - Directory Assistance Service

10 - Special Federal Government Access Services

11 - Special Federal Routing of Access Services

12 - Specialized Service or Arrangements

13 - Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)Section 14 - Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

- This section is provided to identify certain categories of Access Services not offered by this tariff.

Section 15 - Technical Specifications

- Provides the technical specifications and service parameters of Access Services.

Section 16 - Wire Center Information

- This section provides a list of wire centers with associated vertical and horizontal coordinates for the service area of Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc.

Section 17 - Special Construction

- States the general regulations that apply to the provision of access services offered by this tariff when special construction is required.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

NO CONCURRING CARRIERS

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NO CONNECTING CARRIERS

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NO OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

NONE

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

NONE

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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- (C) - To signify changed regulation
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

- ac - Alternating current
- AML - Actual Measured Loss
- ANI - Automatic Number Identification
- AP - Program Audio
- AT&T - American Telephone and Telegraph Company
- BD - Business Day
- BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
- CAROT - Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks
- CI - Changes interface
- CO - Central Office
- COCTX - Central Office Centrex
- Cont'd - Continued
- CPE - Customer Provided Equipment
- Ctx - Centrex
- DA - Directory Assistance
- dB - decibel
- dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting
- dBrnC O - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O
- dBv - decibel(s) relative to 1 Volt (Reference)
- dbvl - decibel(s) Relating to 1 Volt (Reference)
- dc - direct current
- EDD - Envelope Delay Distortion
- ELEPL - Equal Level Echo Path Loss
- EML - Expected Measured Loss
- EPL - Echo Path Loss
- ERL - Echo Return Loss

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

ESS	-	Electronic Switching System
ESSX	-	Electronic Switching System Exchange
f	-	frequency
F.C.C.	-	Federal Communications Commission
FID	-	Field Identifier
FX	-	Foreign Exchange
HC	-	High Capacity
Hz	-	Hertz
IC	-	Interstate Customer
ICB	-	Individual Case Basis
ICL	-	Inserted Connection Loss
kbps	-	kilobits per second
kHz	-	kilohertz
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area
Ma	-	milliamperes
Mbps	-	Megabits per second
MHz	-	Megahertz
MMUC	-	Minimum Monthly Usage Charge
MRC	-	Monthly Recurring Charge
MT	-	Metallic
MTS	-	Message Telecommunications Service(s)
NPA	-	Numbering Plan Area
NRC	-	Nonrecurring Charge
NTS	-	Non-Traffic Sensitive
NXX	-	Three-Digit Central Office Code
OTPL	-	Zero Transmission Level Point
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange
PCM	-	Pulse Code Modulation
PLR	-	Private Line Ringdown
POT	-	Point of Termination
RMS	-	Root-Mean-Square
RSM	-	Remote Switching Modules
RSS	-	Remote Switching Systems
SAC	-	Service Access Code
SRL	-	Singing Return Loss
SSN	-	Switched Service Network
SWC	-	Serving Wire Center
TES	-	Telephone Exchange Service(s)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

TG	-	Telegraph Grade	(M)
TLP	-	Transmission Level Point	
TSPS	-	Traffic Service Position System	
TV	-	Television	
USOC	-	Uniform Service Order Code	
VG	-	Voice Grade	(M)
V & H	-	Vertical & Horizontal	(D)
WATS	-	Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)	(M)
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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

The following technical publications are referenced in this tariff and, except for PUB AS No. 1, may be obtained from Literary Data Center, Inc., G.P.O. Box C-9014, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202:

Compatibility Bulletin 106, Issue 2

Issued: December, 1981

Available: March 11, 1982

Technical Reference:

PUB 41451\*

Issued: January 1983 Available: May 17, 1983

PUB 60101

Issued: December, 1982 Available: January 17, 1983

PUB 41004

Issued: October, 1973 Available: October, 1973

PUB 62310

Issued: September, 1983 Available: October, 1983

PUB 62411

Issued: September, 1983 Available: October, 1983

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Voice Grade Switched Access  
Service

Issued: June 1986

Available: June 1986

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PUB 62501

Issued: December, 1983 Available: March 15, 1984

PUB 62501 Addendum

Issued: March, 1984

Available: April, 1984

\* Status of this publication is in question regarding pending resolution of its applicability to Satellite Digital Service.

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PUB 62502

Issued: December, 1983      Available: January, 1984

PUB 62503

Issued: December, 1983      Available: March 15, 1984

PUB 62503 Addendum

Issued: March, 1984      Available: April, 1984

PUB 62504

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PUB 62504 Addendum

Issued: March, 1984      Available: April, 1984

PUB 62505

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The following Technical Publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Bell System for Technical Education, Room F214, 6200 Route 53, Lisle, IL. 60532.

Telecommunications Transmission Engineering  
Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapter 6 and 7)  
Second Edition, 1980  
Issued: June, 1980      Available: June, 1980

The following Technical Publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Director - Tariff and Regulatory Matters, 100 So. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981 and the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor.

PUB AS No. 1, Issue II  
Issued: May, 1984      Available: May, 1984

The following Technical Publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc., 1309 Louisville Ave., Monroe, Louisiana, 71201. (N) (x)

Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines  
Issued: November, 1987      Available: November, 1987

Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines  
Issued: November, 1985      Available: November, 1985

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access and Special Access Services, Universal Service Fund and Lifeline Assistance and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s), provided by the Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, to Interstate Customers (IC) hereinafter referred to as Customer(s). Pursuant to the Commission's Rules at Section 69.4(c), 69.5(d), 69.104(1), 69.116, 69.117, 69.603(c), and 69.603(d), regulations concerning administration and billing of Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund, rates and charges for these carrier's carrier elements are contained in Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., will bill and collect all Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges on behalf of the Telephone Company. (C) (x) (N) (x) | | | |
- 1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the Customer for the furnishing of any service.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.    | <u>General Regulations</u>  | (M)        |
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| 2.1   | <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u>   |            |
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| 2.1.1 | <u>Scope</u>  | (M)        |
|       | (A) The Telephone Company does not undertake to transmit messages under this tariff.  | (T)<br>(M) |
|       | (B) The Telephone Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the services it provides.          | (T)<br>(M) |
|       | (C) The Telephone Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its services only to the extent necessary to detect and/or clear troubles. | (T)<br>(M) |
|       | (D) Services are provided 24 hours daily, seven days per week, except as set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.           | (T)<br>(M) |
|       | (E) The Telephone Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those set forth in this tariff.     | (T)<br>(M) |

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on page 21 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)
- 2.1.2 Limitations
- (A) The Customer may not assign or transfer the use of services provided under this tariff; however, where there is no interruption of use or relocation of the services, such assignment or transfer may be made to:
- (1) another Customer, whether an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, provided the assignee or transferee assumes all outstanding indebtedness for such services, and the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any; or
  - (2) a court-appointed receiver, trustee or other person acting pursuant to law in bankruptcy, receivership, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation or other similar proceedings, provided the assignee or transferee assumes the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any.
- In all cases of assignment or transfer, the written acknowledgment of the Telephone Company is required prior to such assignment or transfer which acknowledgment shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee. (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on page 22 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(S) (y)
2.1	<u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Continued)	
2.1.2	<u>Limitations</u> (Continued)	
(A)	(Continued)	
	The assignment or transfer of services does not relieve or discharge the assignor or transferor from remaining jointly or severally liable with the assignee or transferee for any obligations existing at the time of the assignment or transfer.	
(B)	The use and restoration of services shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities.	
(C)	Subject to compliance with the rules mentioned in (B) preceding, the services offered herein will be provided to Customers on a first-come, first-served basis.	(S) (y) (C) (x) (S) (y)

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2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(N) (x)
2.1	<u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Continued)	
2.1.2	<u>Limitations</u> (Continued)	
	(C) (Continued)	(N)
	First-come first-served shall be based upon the received time and date stamped by the Telephone Company on Customer orders which contain the information as required for each respective service as delineated in other sections of this tariff. Customer orders shall not be deemed to have been received until such information is provided. Should questions arise which preclude order issuance due to missing information or the need for clarification, the Telephone Company will attempt to seek such missing information or clarification on a verbal basis.	(C)
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2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)

2.1.3 Liability

- (A) The Telephone Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a Customer, or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (I) following, the Telephone Company's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected. This liability for damages shall be in addition to any amounts that may otherwise be due the Customer under this tariff as a Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption. (T)
- (B) The Telephone Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other carrier or Customer providing a portion of a service, nor shall the Telephone Company for its own act or omission hold liable any other carrier or Customer providing a portion of a service.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(S) (y)
2.1	<u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Continued)	
2.1.3	<u>Liability</u> (Continued)	
(C)	The Telephone Company is not liable for damages to the Customer designated premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by the Telephone Company's negligence.	(S) (y) (T) (x) (S) (y)
(D)	The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from the end user's use of services offered under this tariff, involving:	
(1)	Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the end user's own communications;	
(2)	Claims for patent infringement arising from the end user's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end user or Customer or:	
(3)	All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the end user in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.	(S) (y)
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2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued) (M)
- 2.1.3 Liability (Continued) (M)
- (E) The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from the Customer's use of services offered under this tariff involving: (T)
- (1) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from the Customer's own communications; (M)  
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- (2) Claims for patent infringement arising from the Customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end user or Customer or; (M)  
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- (3) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff. (M)  
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- (F) The Telephone Company does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer from any and all claims by any person relating to such Customer's use of services so provided. (T)  
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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 23.1 and 24 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)2.1.3 Liability (Continued)

- (G) No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by the Telephone Company or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered under this tariff. The Telephone Company will defend the Customer against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by the Customer of services offered under this tariff and will indemnify such Customer for any damages awarded based solely on such claims.
- (H) The Telephone Company's failure to provide or maintain services under this tariff shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, criminal actions taken against the Telephone Company, acts of God and other circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's reasonable control, subject to the Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption as set forth in 2.4.4 following.
- (I) The Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer, against any claim, loss or damage arising from the use of services offered under this tariff including, but not limited to claims by subscribers to services provided to the Customer, and users of any services provided by or resold by the Customer. (N)  
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

## 2. General Regulations (Continued)

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)

#### 2.1.4 Provision of Services

The Telephone Company, to the extent that such services are or can be made available with reasonable effort, and after provision has been made for the Telephone Company's telephone exchange services, will provide to the Customer upon reasonable notice services offered in other applicable sections of this tariff at rates and charges specified therein.

### 2.1.5 Installation and Termination of Services

The services provided under this tariff (A) will include any entrance cable or drop wiring and wire or intra building cable to that point where provision is made for termination of the Telephone Company's outside distribution network facilities at a suitable location inside a Customer-designated premises and (B) will be installed by the Telephone Company to such Point of Termination. Wire required within a building to extend Access Service facilities will be provided, at the Customer's request, on a time sensitive charge basis. The labor rates for the installation of such wire are the same as those set forth in Section 13.2.6(C) following for Additional Labor. Moves of the Point of Termination at the Customer's designated premises will be as set forth in 6.3.4 and 7.4.5 following.

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2. General Regulations (Continued)2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)2.1.6 Maintenance of Services

The services provided under this tariff shall be maintained by the Telephone Company. The Customer or others may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities provided by the Telephone Company, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of the Telephone Company.

2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

Except as provided for equipment and systems subject to F.C.C. Part 68 Regulations at 47C.F.R., Section 68.110(b), the Telephone Company may, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business: (A) substitute, change or rearrange any facilities used in providing service under this tariff, including but not limited to, (1) substitution of different metallic facilities, (2) substitution of carrier or derived facilities for metallic facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities and (3) substitution of metallic facilities for carrier or derived facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities; (B) change minimum protection criteria; (C) change operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities; (D) change operations or procedures of the Telephone Company; or (E) substitution of fiber or optical facilities. In case of any such substitution, change or rearrangement, the transmission parameters will be within the range as set forth in Sections 6., 7. and 15. following. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible if any such substitution, change or rearrangement renders any Customer furnished services obsolete or requires modification or alteration thereof or otherwise

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.    | <u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)   | (M) |
| 2.1   | <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Continued)  |     |
| 2.1.7 | <u>Changes and Substitutions</u> (Continued)   |     |
|       | affects their use or performance. If such substitution, change or rearrangement materially affects the operating characteristics of the facility, the Telephone Company will provide reasonable notification to the Customer in writing. Reasonable time will be allowed for any redesign and implementation required by the change in operating characteristics. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.   |     |
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| 2.1.8 | <u>Refusal and Discontinuance of Service</u>   | (M) |
|       | (A) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1 (B) or 2.5 following apply, if a Customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding or 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.5 or 2.4 following, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice by Certified U.S. Mail to the person designated by that Customer to receive such notices of noncompliance, refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service by the non-complying Customer at any time thereafter. If the Telephone Company does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and the Customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to refuse additional applications for service to the non-complying Customer without further notice. | (T) |
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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 26, 26.1 and 27 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

## 2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Continued)

(B) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1(B) or 2.5 following apply, if a Customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding or 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.5 or 2.4 following, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice by Certified U.S. Mail to the person designated by that Customer to receive such notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying Customer at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges, including termination charges shall become due. If the Telephone Company does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and the Customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying Customer without further notice.

(C)	If the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., notifies the Telephone Company that the Customer has failed to comply with Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges) including any Customer's failure to make payments on the date and times specified therein, the Telephone Company, may on thirty days' written notice to the Customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take any of the following actions; (1) refuse additional applications for service and/or (2) refuse to complete any pending orders for service, (3) discontinue the provision of service to the Customer. In the case of discontinuance, all applicable charges including termination charges, shall become due.	(N) (x)                                 
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued) (M)
- 2.1.9 Limitation of the Use of Metallic Facilities (T)
- Signals applied to a metallic facility shall conform to the limitations set forth in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1. In the case of application of dc telegraph signaling systems, the Customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limiting devices to protect the Telephone Company facilities from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excessive noise. (M)
- 2.1.10 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities (T)
- The Telephone Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements, routine preventative maintenance and major switching machine change-out. Generally, such activities are not individual Customer service specific; they affect many Customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the notification requirements. (M)
- 2.1.11 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies (T)
- The Telephone Company intends to work cooperatively with the Customer to develop network contingency plans in order to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services. (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on page 28 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued) (M)
- 2.1.12 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers (T)
- The Telephone Company reserves the reasonable right to assign, designate or change telephone numbers, any other call number designations associated with Access Services, or the Telephone Company serving central office prefixes associated with such numbers, when necessary in the conduct of its business. Should it become necessary to make a change in such number(s), the Telephone Company will furnish to the Customer 6 months notice, by Certified U.S. Mail, of the effective date and an explanation of the reason(s) for such change(s). (M)
- 2.2 Use (T)
- 2.2.1 Interference or Impairment (M)
- (A) The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company and associated with the facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Telephone Company, its affiliated companies or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, impair the privacy of any communications carried over their facilities or create hazards to the employees of any of them or the public. (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 28 and 29 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.2 Use (Continued) (M)
- 2.2.1 Interference or Impairment (Continued) (T)
- (B) Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to the F.C.C. Part 68 Rules in 47 C.F.R., Section 68.108, if such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with (A) preceding, the Telephone Company will, where practicable, notify the Customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Telephone Company's right to temporarily discontinue forthwith the use of a service if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the Customer will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in 2.4.4 following is not applicable. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.    | <u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)  | (S) (y) |
| 2.2   | <u>Use</u> (Continued)  | (S) (y) |
| 2.2.2 | <u>Unlawful and Abusive Use</u>   | (C) (x) |
|       | (A) The service provided under this tariff shall not be used for an unlawful purpose or used in an abusive manner.  |         |
|       | Abusive use includes:   |         |
|       | (1) The use of the service of the Telephone Company for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise, in a manner reasonably expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another;  |         |
|       | (2) The use of the service in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of the service by one or more other Customers.  |         |
|       | (B) The Telephone Company may, upon written request from a Customer, or another exchange carrier, terminate service to any subscriber or Customer identified as having utilized service provided under this tariff in the completion of abusive or unlawful telephone calls. Service shall be terminated by the Telephone Company as provided for in its general and/or local exchange service tariffs. |         |
|       | (C) In such instances when termination occurs, as in (B) preceding, the Telephone Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by any Customer or Exchange Carrier requesting termination of service against any claim, loss or damage arising from the Telephone Company's actions in terminating such service, unless caused by the Telephone Company's negligence.                       |         |
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.    | <u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)  | (M) |
| 2.3   | <u>Obligations of the Customer</u>  |     |
| 2.3.1 | <u>Damages</u>  |     |
|       | <p>The Customer shall reimburse the Telephone Company for damages to Telephone Company facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or resulting from the Customer's improper use of the Telephone Company facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company. Nothing in the foregoing provision shall be interpreted to hold one Customer liable for another Customer's actions. The Telephone Company will, upon reimbursement for damages, cooperate with the Customer in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage and the Customer shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by the Telephone Company for the damages to the extent of such payment.</p> |     |
| 2.3.2 | <u>Ownership of Facilities and Theft</u>  |     |
|       | <p>Facilities utilized by the Telephone Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain the property of the Telephone Company. Such facilities shall be returned to the Telephone Company by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in as good condition as reasonable wear will permit.</p>  |     |
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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 30 and 31 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)

### 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)

### 2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

The Customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Telephone Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Telephone Company to provide services under this tariff at the points of termination of such services. The selection of ac or dc power shall be mutually agreed to by the Customer and the Telephone Company. The Customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Telephone Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, inspecting, repairing or removing Telephone Company services. (M)

#### 2.3.4 Availability for Testing (T)

The services provided under this tariff shall be available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued) (M)
- 2.3.5 Balance (T)
- All signals for transmission over the services provided under this tariff shall be delivered by the Customer balanced to ground except for ground start, duplex (DX) and McCulloh-Loop (Alarm System) type signaling and dc telegraph transmission at speeds of 75 baud or less. (M)
- 2.3.6 Design of Customer Services (T)
- Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7 preceding, the Customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Telephone Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities. (M)
- 2.3.7 References to the Telephone Company (T)
- The Customer may advise End Users that certain services are provided by the Telephone Company in connection with the service the Customer furnishes to End Users; however, the Customer shall not represent that the Telephone Company jointly participates in the Customer's services. (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 32 and 33 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued) (M)
- 2.3.8 Claims and Demands for Damages (T)
- (A) With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the Customer shall defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against all claims arising out of the combining with, or use in connection with, the services provided under this tariff, any circuit, apparatus, system or method provided by the Customer. (M)
- (B) The Customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any suits, claims, losses or damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and court costs by third persons arising out of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, or removal of the Customer's circuits, facilities, or equipment connected to the Telephone Company's services provided under this tariff, including, without limitation, Workmen's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the Customer's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the Customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate the services provided under this tariff; provided, however, the foregoing indemnification shall not apply to suits, claims, and demands to recover damages for damage to property, death, or personal injury unless such suits, claims or demands are based on the tortuous conduct of the Customer, its officers, agents or employees. (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 33 and 34 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.



## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued) (M)
- 2.3.8 Claims and Demands for Damages (Continued) (T)
- (C) The Customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any suits, claims, losses or damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and court costs by the Customer or third parties arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in the course of using services provided under this tariff. (T)  
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- 2.3.9 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies (T)
- The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Telephone Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services. (M)  
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements(A) Jurisdictional Reports

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b) Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Order F.C.C. 85-145 adopted April 16, 1985, interstate usage is to be developed as through every call that enters a Customer network at a point within the same state as that in which the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an intrastate communication and every call for which the point of entry is in a state other than that where the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an interstate communication.

c) For Switched Access Service, the Telephone Company cannot in all cases determine the jurisdictional nature of customer traffic and its related access minutes. In such cases the customer may be called upon to provide a projected estimate of its traffic, split between the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions. The following regulations govern such estimates, their reporting by the customer and cases where the Telephone Company will develop jurisdictional percentages.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

## (1) (Continued)

c) The projected interstate percentages will be used by the Telephone Company to apportion the usage between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth in (7) following.

d) When a customer initially orders Switched Access Service, as defined in Section 6. following, the customer shall state in its order the Percentage Interstate Usage (PIU) on a statewide, LATA or billing account number level (at the option of the Customer) on a local exchange company specific basis, separately for each of the following: (N)

- Usage rate Carrier Common Line,
- Information Surcharge,
- Local Switching,
- Tandem Switched Transport, and
- Residual Interconnection charges.

Separate PIUs are required for flat rated Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexers. (N)

(2) All single Feature Group A and Feature Group B Switched Access Service usage and charges will be apportioned by the Telephone Company between interstate and intrastate. The projected interstate percentage reported as set forth in (1)a) and (1)b) preceding will be used to make such apportionment.

Certain material previously found on this page can now be found on 3rd Revised Page 71.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

- (3) For multiline hunt group arrangements or trunk groups where (N)  
either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on  
measured usage, the interstate Feature Group A and/or Feature (N)  
Group B Switched Access Service(s) information reported as set  
forth in (1) preceding will be used to determine the charges as  
follows:

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(S) (y)
2.3	<u>Obligations of the Customer</u> (Continued)	
2.3.10	<u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Continued)	
(A)	<u>Jurisdictional Reports</u> (Continued)	
(3)	(Continued)	(S) (y)
	For all groups the number of access minutes (either measured or assumed) for a group will be multiplied by the projected interstate percentage to develop the interstate access minutes. The number of access minutes for the group minus the developed interstate access minutes for the group will be the developed intrastate access minutes.	(C) (x)
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements  
(Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)(4) Feature Group D (C)

When a customer orders Feature Group D Switched Access Service(s) the customer may provide the projected interstate usage for each end office in its order. Alternatively the Telephone Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows: (C)

- a) For originating access minutes, the projected interstate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office where the Feature Group D Switched Access Service access minutes are measured by dividing the measured interstate originating access minutes (the access minutes where the calling number is in one state and the called number is in another state) by the total originating access minutes, when the call detail is adequate to determine the appropriate jurisdiction. (T) (C)
- b) For terminating access minutes, the data used by the Telephone Company to develop the projected interstate percentage for originating access minutes will be used to develop the projected interstate percentage for such terminating access minutes. When originating call details are insufficient to determine the jurisdiction for the call, the customer shall supply the projected interstate percentage or authorize the Telephone Company to use the Telephone Company developed percentage. (T)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements  
(Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access  
(Continued)(4) Feature Group D (Continued)

## b) (Continued)

This percentage shall be used by the Telephone Company (T)  
as the projected interstate percentage for originating and |  
terminating access minutes. The projected intrastate |  
percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the |  
projected interstate percentage for originating and |  
terminating minutes from 100 (intrastate percentage - 100 = |  
interstate percentage). (T)

When the customer has both interstate and intrastate (N)  
Operator Services traffic, the percentage interstate usage |  
determined for the customer's FGC or FGD service will be |  
applied to the customer's Operator Services charges. (N)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

- 2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued) (M)
  - 2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued) (T)
    - (A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued) (M)
      - (5) When a Customer orders Directory Assistance Service, the Customer shall in its order, provide the projected interstate percentage for terminating use in a whole number (a number of 0 through 100) for each Directory Access Service group ordered. (A method the Customer may wish to adopt could be to use its terminating traffic from its premises to the involved Directory Assistance Location and calculate the projected interstate percentage as set forth in (4) preceding.) The Telephone Company will designate the number obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage furnished by the Customer from 100 (100 - Customer percentage = intrastate percentage) as the projected intrastate percentage of use. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(S) (y)
2.3	<u>Obligations of the Customer</u> (Continued)	
2.3.10	<u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Continued)	
(A)	<u>Jurisdictional Reports</u> (Continued)	
(6)	Except where the Telephone Company measured access minutes are used as set forth in (4) preceding, the Customer reported number of interstate services or interstate percentage of use as set forth in (1), (4) or (5), preceding will be used until the Customer reports a different projected interstate percentage for an in service end office group. When the Customer adds BHMC lines or trunks to an existing end office group, the Customer shall furnish a projected interstate percentage that applies to the added BHMC, lines or trunks. When the Customer discontinues BHMC, lines or trunks from an existing group, the Customer shall furnish a projected interstate percentage for the discontinued BHMC, lines or trunks in the end office group. The revised report will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date. No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report.	(S) (y) (C) (x)             (C) (x) (S) (y)     (S) (y)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

- (7) Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year the Customer shall update the interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The Customer shall forward to the Telephone Company, to be received no later than 15 days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively, for each service arranged for interstate use.

The revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report.

If the Customer does not supply the reports, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last quarterly report. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the Customer, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the order for service as set forth in (1) preceding.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

## (7) (Continued)

If a billing dispute arises concerning the projected interstate percentage, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer uses to determine the projected interstate percentage. The Telephone Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Telephone Company request.	(N)
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For Feature Group A and Feature Group B switched access service, the Customer shall maintain and retain, for a minimum of one year, complete detailed and accurate records, work papers and backup documentation in form and substance from which the percentage for interstate usage provided to the Telephone Company as set forth in 2.3.10(A)(1) can be ascertained. All of the records, work papers and backup documentation shall be made available during normal business hours, at the location named in the report, upon request by the Telephone Company when necessary for purposes of verification by a Telephone Company auditor. The audit may be conducted by an independent auditor if the Telephone Company and the Customer, or the Customer alone, is willing to pay the expense. The Customer shall supply such records, work papers and backup documentation within 30 days of the Telephone Company request. The Telephone Company will not request a verification audit more than once each year, except in extreme circumstances. For example, an additional

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

## 2. General Regulations (Continued)

### 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)

### 2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Continued)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

## (7) (Continued)

audit may be required if a Customer reports an intrastate allocation in one update period that represents a substantial change over its most recent reported figures, that is not due to seasonal changes.

Within 30 days of receiving the results of a verification audit, the Customer shall pay the Telephone Company for the services rendered under this tariff in accordance with such results. If the records, work papers and backup documentation are not provided or are insufficient or not in accordance with the provisions of this tariff, the percentage for interstate usage will be assumed by the Telephone Company to be the same as indicated in the last report received until the deficiencies are corrected and new reports, as required herein, are provided to the Telephone Company.

For Special Access Service, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer uses to certify that the interstate traffic on each line constitutes more than ten percent of the total traffic on the line, if a billing dispute arises or a regulatory commission questions the customer representations involved.	(S) (x)
The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Telephone Company request. The customer shall keep records of system design and functions from which customer representations can be verified and, upon request of the Telephone Company, make the records available	                             (S) (x)

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2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements  
(Continued)(A) Jurisdictional Reports (Continued)

## (7) (Continued)

for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the customer's certification. Absent extraordinary circumstances the Telephone Company will not require usage information for such certification unless such information is readily available without special studies.

The PIUs described in (1) preceding are applied to usage rated	(N)
Carrier Common Line, Information Surcharge, Local Switching,	
Tandem Switched Transport and Residual Interconnection	
charges. Separate PIUs are required for flat rated Entrance	
Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexers.	(N)

(8) Certification Requirements

When the customer orders Special Access Service, and the jurisdictional nature of the customer's traffic is mixed and the customer certifies to the Telephone Company in writing that more than ten (10) percent of the traffic on the line is interstate, the line is considered to be interstate and provided under this tariff.

When a customer orders Special Access Service, the customer shall, in its order, certify in writing that the interstate traffic on each line ordered constitutes more than ten (10) percent of the total traffic on the line. Customers with existing lines shall provide such certification by written correspondence to the Telephone Company within 90 days of the effective date of this tariff.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)

2.3.10 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements  
(Continued)

(A) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Continued)

(9) Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Certification  
- Special Access

If a dispute arises concerning the certification of projected interstate traffic as described in 2.3.10(A)(1) preceding, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine that more than 10% of the traffic is interstate. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Telephone Company request. If the reply results in a jurisdictional change of a Special Access Service, the effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's reply. There is no charge when the customer's reply results in a jurisdictional change in the Special Access Service.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.11 Determination of Jurisdiction for Mixed (S) (x)  
Interstate and Intrastate Special Access Service

(A) When a Special Access Service is used for both interstate and intrastate traffic, the jurisdiction will be determined as follows:

(1) If the customer's estimate of the interstate traffic on the line involved constitutes more than ten percent of the total traffic on that line, the line will be provided in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of this Tariff.

(2) If the customer's estimate of the interstate traffic on the line involved constitutes ten percent or less of the total traffic on that line, the line will be provided in accordance with the appropriate intrastate rules and regulations. (S) (x)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Continued)2.3.12 Determination of Interstate Charges for Mixed  
Interstate and Intrastate Access Service (S) (x)

- (A) When mixed interstate and intrastate Access Service is provided, all charges (i.e., nonrecurring, monthly and/or usage) including optional features charges, will be prorated between interstate and intrastate for all Access Service except Special Access Service. The percentage provided in the reports as set forth in 2.3.10(A) preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges. The percentage of an Access Service to be charged as interstate is applied in the following manner: (S) (x)
- (1) For monthly and nonrecurring chargeable rate elements, multiply the percent interstate use times the quantity of chargeable elements times the stated tariff rate per element. (S) (x)
- (2) For usage sensitive (i.e., access minutes and calls) chargeable rate elements, multiply the percent interstate use times actual use (i.e., measured or the Telephone Company assumed average use) times the stated tariff rate. (S) (x)

The interstate percentage will change as revised usage reports are submitted as set forth in 2.3.10 preceding.

- (B) When mixed interstate and intrastate Special Access Service is provided, the jurisdiction of the service is determined in accordance with 2.3.11 preceding. If the Special Access Service is determined to be an interstate line, 100% of all appropriate charges of this Tariff will apply. If the Special Access Service is determined to be an intrastate line, 100% of the intrastate charges will apply. (S) (x)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances
- 2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits
- (A) The Telephone Company will, in order to safeguard its interests, only require a Customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone Company or does not have established credit, to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of a service to the Customer to be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. No such deposit will be required of a Customer which is a successor of a company which has established credit and has no history of late payments to the Telephone Company. Such deposit may not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two month period. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from complying with the Telephone Company's regulations as to the prompt payment of bills. At such time as the provision of the service to the Customer is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the Customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded. Such a deposit will be refunded or credited to the account when the Customer has established credit or, in any event, after the Customer has established a one-year prompt payment record at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the service to the Customer. In case of a cash (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Continued)

## (A) (Continued)

deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the Customer will receive interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in (B)(3)(b)(I) or in (B)(3)(b)(II), whichever is lower. The rate will be compounded daily for the number of days from the date the Customer deposit is received by the Telephone Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the Customer's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Telephone Company. Should a deposit be credited to the Customer's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the Customer's account.

The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the customer or its joint or authorized users. This responsibility is not changed, by virtue of any use, misuse, or abuse of the customer's service or customer-provided systems, equipment, facilities, or services interconnected to the customer's service, which use, misuse, or abuse may be occasioned by third parties, including, without limitation, the customer's employees or other members of the public. (N)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)
- (B) The Telephone Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by and credits due to the Customer under this tariff attributable to services established or discontinued during the preceding billing period. In addition, the Telephone Company shall bill in advance charges for all services to be provided during the ensuing billing period except for charges associated with service usage and for the Federal Government which will be billed in arrears. The bill day (i.e., the billing date of a bill for a Customer for Access Service under this tariff), the period of service each bill covers and the payment date will be as follows:
- (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

## (B) (Continued)

(1) End User Access Service and Presubscription (N)

For End User Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each end user account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than thirty (30) days notice or initiated by the Telephone Company more than twice in any consecutive twelve (12) month period. The bill will cover End User Access Service charges for the ensuing billing period except for End User Access Service for the Federal Government which will be billed in arrears. Any applicable Presubscription Charges, any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments for prior periods for End User Access Service and Presubscription Service will be applied to this bill. Such bills are due when rendered.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

## (B) (Continued)

(2) Access Services Other than End User and (N)  
Presubscription (N)

For Service other than End User Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each Customer account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than thirty (30) days notice or initiated by the Telephone Company more than twice in any consecutive twelve (12) month period. (N)

The bill will cover nonusage sensitive service charges for the ensuing billing period for which the bill is rendered, any known unbilled nonusage sensitive charges for prior periods and unbilled usage charges for the period after the last bill day through the current bill day. Any known unbilled usage charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments will be applied to this bill. Payment for such bills is due in immediately available funds by the payment date, as set forth in (3) following. If payment is not received by the payment date, a late payment penalty will apply as set forth in (3) following.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

(B) (Continued)

- (3) (a) All bills dated as set forth in (2) preceding for service, other than End User Service, provided to the Customer by the Telephone Company are due 31 days (payment date) after the bill day or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or legally observed Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the second Tuesday in November and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the Customer as follows: (T) (T)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)
- (B) (Continued)
- (3) (a) (Continued)
- If such payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If such payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday.
- (b) Further, if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company after the payment date as set forth in (a) preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Telephone Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of: (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)
- (B) (Continued)
- (3) (b) (Continued)
- (I) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the Customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company, or
- (II) 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the Customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company.
- (c) In the event that a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Telephone Company is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in (b) preceding. If the Customer disputes the bill on or before the
- (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

(B) (Continued)

(3) (c) (Continued)

payment date and pays the undisputed amount on or before the payment date, any late payment charge for the disputed amount will not start until 10 days after the payment date. If the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer, no late payment penalty will apply to the disputed amount. In addition, if the Customer disputes the billed amount and pays the total amount (i.e., the undisputed amount and the disputed amount) on or before the payment date and the billing dispute is resolved in the favor of the Customer, the Telephone Company will refund any overpayment. In addition, the Telephone Company will pay to the Customer a disputed amount penalty. When a claim is filed within 90 days of the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin on the payment date. When a claim is filed more than 90 days after the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin from the date of the claim or the date of the overpayment, whichever is later. The penalty interest period shall end on the date that the Telephone Company actually refunds the overpayment to the Customer. The disputed amount penalty shall be the disputed amount resolved in the Customer's favor times a penalty factor. The penalty factor is as set forth in (b) preceding.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits  
(Continued)

- (D) Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30 day month. The Telephone Company will, upon request and if available, furnish such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.
- (E) When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).
- (F) When more than one copy of a Customer bill for services provided under the provisions of this tariff is furnished to the Customer, an additional charge applies for each additional copy of the bill as set forth in Section 13.3.5 following.
- (G) If a Customer requires information for purposes of Bill Verification, the Telephone Company will provide information related and necessary to verify bills for any and all services without charge and within a reasonable period of time.
- (H) In the event the Customer fails to pay the late penalty fee charged for late payments, the Telephone Company has the right to terminate all services, after three (3) days verbal notice, or written notice has been posted in the U.S. Mail. (N)  
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(N)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum periods for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except for those services as set forth in Sections 5.2.5(B), 9.4(A) and 13.3.4(C)(1)(b), (c) and (d) following, and Switched Access High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facilities and High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport. (N)  
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(N)

The minimum period for which service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable for a Specialized Service or Arrangement provided on an individual case basis as set forth in Section 12. following, is one month unless a different minimum period is established with the individual case filing.

When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable whether the service is used or not, as follows:

- (A) When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.2 Minimum Periods (Continued)
- (B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the applicable charge will be the lesser of (1) the Telephone Company's total nonrecoverable costs less the net salvage value for the discontinued service or (2) the total monthly charges, at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued, for the remainder of the minimum period.
- 2.4.3 Cancellation of an Order for Service
- Provisions for the cancellation of an order for service are set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2.	<u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)	(S) (y)
2.4	<u>Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances</u> (Continued)	
2.4.4	<u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u>	
(A)	<u>General</u>	
	A service is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the Customer because of a failure of a facility component used to furnish service under this tariff or in the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone Company result in the complete loss of service by the Customer as set forth in Section 15.1.3(A) following. An interruption period starts when an inoperative service is reported to the Telephone Company, and ends when the service is operative.	
		(S) (y)
	For purposes of administering the following regulations a major fraction shall mean more than half of the incremental credit period using the unit of time in which the service interruption is measured, i.e., 30 seconds, 1 minute, 1 hour. For example a major fraction for a 30 minute period equals 16 minutes for a 24 hour period equals 12 hours and one minute and for a 5 minute period equals 2 minutes and 31 seconds.	(N) (x)
		(N) (x)
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)(B) When A Credit Allowance Applies

In case of an interruption to any service, allowance for the period of interruption, if not due to the negligence of the Customer, shall be as follows:

- (1) For Special Access Services other than Program Audio, Video Services and for flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing), no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 minutes. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charges for the facility or service for each period of 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. (C)

The monthly charges used to determine the credit shall be as follows:

- (a) For two-point services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., two channel terminations, channel mileage and optional features and functions). (C)

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2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Continued)

(1) (Continued)

- (b) For multipoint services, the monthly charge shall be only the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service that is inoperative (i.e., a channel termination per Customer designated premises, channel mileage and optional features and functions).
- (c) For multiplexed services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service that is inoperative. When the facility which is multiplexed or the multiplexer itself is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., the channel termination, channel mileage, Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and optional features and functions, including the multiplexer on the facility to the hub, and the channel (C)



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2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)(B) When A Credit Allowance Applies (Continued)

(1) (Continued)

(c) (Continued)

terminations, channel mileages and optional features and functions on the individual services from the hub). When the service which rides a channel of the multiplexed facility is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service from the hub to a Customer designated premises (i.e., channel termination, channel mileage, Direct Trunked Transport, and optional features and functions). (C)

(d) For flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing). (N)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)
- (B) When A Credit Allowance Applies (Continued)
- (2) For Program Audio and Video Special Access Services, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 seconds. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 seconds or more as follows:
- (a) For two-point services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
- (b) For two-point services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
- (c) For multipoint services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for each channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)
- (B) When A Credit Allowance Applies (Continued)
- (2) (Continued)
- (d) For multipoint services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the daily rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are inoperative for each period of 5 minutes of major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.
- (e) For multipoint services, the credit for the monthly or daily charges includes the charges for the distribution amplifier only when the distribution amplifier is inoperative.
- (f) When two or more interruptions occur during a period of 5 consecutive minutes, such multiple interruptions shall be considered as one interruption. (M)

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)

(B) When A Credit Allowance Applies (Continued)

- (3) For Switched Access Service and Directory Assistance Service, usage rated elements, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 24 hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of 24 hours or more at the rate of 1/30 of any applicable monthly rates or minimum monthly usage charge for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. (C)
- (4) The credit allowance(s) for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed any monthly rate or minimum monthly usage charge for the service interrupted in any one monthly billing period.
- (5) For certain Special Access services (Digital Data Access, DA1-4; and High Capacity, HC1), any period during which the error performance is below that specified for the service will be considered as an interruption.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.    | <u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)   | (M)                           |
| 2.4   | <u>Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances</u> (Continued)  |                               |
| 2.4.4 | <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u><br>(Continued)   |                               |
| (B)   | <u>When A Credit Allowance Applies</u> (Continued)   |                               |
| (6)   | Service interruptions for Specialized Service or Arrangements<br>provided under the provisions of Section 12. following shall be<br>administered in the same manner as those set forth in this section<br>(2.4.4) unless other regulations are specified with the individual<br>case filing. | (M)<br>(T)<br>(M)<br> <br>(M) |

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)
- 2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions  
(Continued)
- (C) When A Credit Allowance Does Not Apply
- No credit allowance will be made for:
- (1) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the Customer.
  - (2) Interruptions of a service due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the Customer or others.
  - (3) Interruptions of a service during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
  - (4) Interruptions of a service when the Customer has released that service to the Telephone Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the Customer prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (B) preceding applies. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Continued)(C) When Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Continued)

- (5) Interruptions of a service which continue because of the failure of the Customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in Section 17. of this tariff. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the Customer receives the Telephone Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Telephone Company of the Customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the Customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.
- (7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.
- (8) Interruption of service caused by a customer's failure to provide notification to the Telephone Company of media stimulated mass calling events as set forth in 6.1.7(D) following. (N)  
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(N)

(D) Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Telephone Company

Should the Customer elect to use an alternative service provided by the Telephone Company during the period that a service is interrupted, the Customer must pay the tariffed rates and charges the alternative service used.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued) |
- 2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Continued) |
- (E) Temporary Surrender of a Service |
- In certain instances, the Customer may be requested by the Telephone Company to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the Customer consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be 1/1440 of the monthly rate for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period. (M)
- 2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (T)
- (A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply (M)
- Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that: (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued) (M)
- 2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (T)  
(Continued) (M)
- (A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply (Continued)
- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same Customer. (M)
- (3) The service is at the same location on the same premises, or (T)
- (4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after Telephone Company service is available. (The 60 day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period). (M)
- (B) Nonrecurring Charges Apply
- Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending re-establishment of service at the original location. (M)

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.6 Title or Ownership Rights

- (A) The payment of rates and charges by Customers for the services offered under the provisions of this tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Telephone Company in the provision of such services.

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (M)

- (A) Meet Point Billing (S) (x)

When an Access Service is provided by more than one Telephone Company, the Telephone Companies involved will try to agree upon one of the alternative single bill options as set forth in (1) following based upon contractual agreements and interconnection arrangements between the Telephone Companies, the availability of measurement capability and the single billing data exchange elements agreed to by the involved Telephone Companies. If the Telephone Companies involved cannot agree on a single bill option, the multiple bill option as set forth in (2) following will continue to be employed. The single bill option is the preferred method. (M)

(x) Effective January 13, 1989.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company(A) Meet Point Billing

(S) (x)

The Telephone Company must notify the customer of: (1) the Meet Point billing Option that will be used, (2) the Telephone Company(s) that will render the bill(s) (3) the Telephone Company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and (4) the Telephone Company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function. The Telephone Company shall provide such notification at the time that orders are placed for access service. Additionally, the Telephone Company shall provide this notice in writing 30 days in advance of any changes.

The Telephone Company that renders the bill will include on the access service bill, based upon Industry Standards as described in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines and the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines, cross reference(s) to the other Telephone Company(s) service and the common circuit identifiers.

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The Customer will place the order for the service as set forth in 5.2.8.

\* In compliance with the Order of the Federal Communications Commission Access Billing Requirements for Joint Service Provision, CC Docket No. 87-579, Phase II, DA 88-1544 (released October 4, 1988).

(x) Effective January 13, 1989.

Certain regulations previously found on this page can now be found on 1st Revised Page 103.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued) \*(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued) (T)(1) Single Bill Option: (T)

The single bill option is a billing process which employs the use of one statement of charges containing all rate elements applicable to the Access Service under one billing account. The Customer receives one bill rendered by a single billing entity. There are three alternatives for implementation of the single bill option:

(a) Single Bill/Multiple Tariff:

Under this alternative, the billing company will prepare a single bill with each Telephone Company's charges separately identified. The billing company maintains in its billing system and administers the applicable tariff rates for all Telephone Companies involved in the provision of the Access Service.

(b) Single Bill/Pass Through Billing:

This alternative requires that each Telephone Company involved prepare its own bill for its portion of the Access Service and forward the bill to the billing company. The billing company receives a bill

\* Expiration date deferred until further notice. See Supplement No. 6.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued) \*(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued) (T)

## (1) Single Bill Option (Continued) |

## (b) Single Bill/Pass Through Billing (Continued) (T)

from the other involved Telephone Companies, applies usage data to the bill and calculates the applicable charges. All bills from the Telephone Companies involved are then combined into one access bill by the billing company. \*

## (c) Single Bill/Single Tariff (Exchange Carrier-to-Exchange Carrier Access Billing):

Under this alternative, the Telephone Company responsible for billing the Customer files a rate structure and rates based upon its costs, including the cost-based tariff charges of the other Telephone Companies involved. The billing company bills the Customer for the entire Access Service. The Telephone Company responsible for billing the Customer is billed by the other Telephone Companies for the portion of the Access Service that they provide. \*

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued) \*(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued) (T) \*(2) Multiple Bill Option: (T)

The multiple bill option is a billing process which employs the use of more than one billing account and is generally rendered by multiple billing entities. Each Telephone Company involved in the provision of the Access Service bills the Customer for its individual portion of the service provided. The multiple bill option will include a unique Meet Point Billing Account for each Telephone Company. End offices or circuits which are entirely non-meet point billed will appear on stand alone non-meet point billed accounts. \*

## (a) Switched Access - Initial Billing Company:

The initial billing company is the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located. A unique meet point billing account will be used by the initial billing company when meet point billing is involved for any or all services (meet point or non-meet point) of a single end \*

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Service Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued) \*(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued) (T)(2) Multiple Bill Option (Continued)

## (a) Switched Access - Initial Billing Company (Continued) (T)

office. For example, if Direct Distance Dialing ("DDD") is not meet point billed, it will be on a Meet Point Billing Account when another service, such as Operator Handled ("OPH"), from the same end office is meet point billed. \*

## (b) Switched Access - Subsequent Billing Company(s):

The subsequent billing company is the Telephone Company in whose territory a segment of local transport is provided and/or the Customer designated premises is located. The subsequent billing company uses the access minutes and messages, as jurisdictionally split, provided by the initial billing company to bill for its portion of the local transport. Each subsequent billing company will establish separate meet point billing accounts for each initial billing company from whom it receives minutes of use. Multiple end offices of the same initial billing company will be on the same meet point billing account. When \*

\* Expiration date deferred until further notice. See Supplement No. 6.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

(2) Multiple Bill Option (Continued)

(b) Switched Access - Subsequent Billing  
Company(s) (Continued)

meet point billing is involved in any or all services of an end office, the end office will appear on the meet point billing account.

(c) Special Access:

The Telephone Company will establish separate meet point billing accounts for each Telephone Company with which it meet point bills. One additional meet point billing account will be established showing all circuits where the Telephone Company connects with two or more other Telephone Companies in providing Special Access Service on a single circuit. Both meet point and non-meet point billed segments of a multi-point circuit will appear on a single account.

- (3) For Feature Groups D and B, the single bill/multiple tariff option described in (1)(a) preceding is employed with Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. acting as the billing Company. (C)



## 2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

## (3) (Continued)

(C)

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

(3) (Continued)

Each Telephone Company receiving an order or copy of the order from the Customer, as specified in 5.2.8(A)(1) following, will determine the applicable charges for the portion of the service it provides in accordance with its Access Services tariff and 2.4.7(A)(3) through 2.4.7(A)(6) following. Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. will prepare a single bill with each Telephone Company's charges separately identified. Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. maintains in its billing system and administers the applicable tariff rates for all Telephone Companies involved in the provision of Feature Group B and Feature Group D Access Services.

(C)

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

(3) (Continued)

- (a) Determine the appropriate Local Transport or Channel Mileage by computing the number of airline miles between the Telephone Company premises (end office, access tandem or serving wire centers for Switched Access or serving wire centers for Special Access) using the V&H method set forth in 6.4.9, 6.5.8(C), 6.6.7. and 7.4.6. (C)
- (b) Determine the billing percentage (BP), as set forth in EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. of this tariff, which represents the portion of the service provided by each Telephone Company;

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (3) (Continued)

## (c) For Tandem Switched Transport (N)

- 1) multiply the number of originating and terminating access minutes of use routed over the facility times the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Tandem Switched Facility rate;
- 2) multiply the Tandem Switched Termination rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes routed over the facility.
- 3) When a tandem office is located within the operating territory of Bay Springs Telephone Company, multiply the Tandem Switching rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the tandem.

The Tandem Switched Termination rate is applied as set forth in Section 6. following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in Section 6. following. (Note: The BP is not applied to the Switched Access Tandem Switched Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge).

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (3) (Continued)

## (d) For Direct Trunked Transport:

1) multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Direct Trunked Facility rate.

2) The Direct Trunked Termination rate is applied as set forth in Section 6. following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in Section 6. following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Switched Access Direct Trunked Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

(e) For Special Access using BP method, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate. (T)

Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. applies its BP to only the mileage sensitive Channel Mileage Facility rate for Special Access and then adds the full Channel Mileage Termination fixed rate for each end office in its territory.

The Special Access Channel Mileage Termination rate and nonrecurring

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (3) (Continued)

(e) (Continued) (T)

charges are applied as set forth in Section 7. following.  
(Note: The BP is not applied to either the Channel Mileage  
Termination Recurring Rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

(f) For Interim NXX Translation and 800 Ten Digit Access (T)  
Service use the same methods as for tandem switched |  
transport in (c) preceding. (T)

(g) For Feature Groups A,B,C and D. (T)

- 1) When the end office (which may be a Remote Switching Module) is located within the operating territory of Bay Springs Telephone Company, multiply the Residual Interconnection Charge rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the end office.
- 2) When the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing equipment is located within the operating territory of Bay Springs Telephone Company, the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing charge will apply.
- 3) The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Residual Interconnection charge, Entrance Facility or Multiplexer.

Certain material previously found on this page can now be found on 6th Revised Page 106.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

(3) (Continued)

- (h) When three or more Telephone Companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the intermediate Telephone Company(s) will determine the appropriate charges as set forth in (c) and (d) preceding. Additionally, when a segment of the Direct Trunked Facility or Channel Mileage Facility is measured to the intermediate office(s), the Direct Trunked Termination or Channel Mileage Termination rates are also applied at the intermediate Telephone Company(s) office(s). (T)
- (i) All other appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges in each Telephone Company's tariff are applicable. (T)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

## 2. General Regulations (Continued)

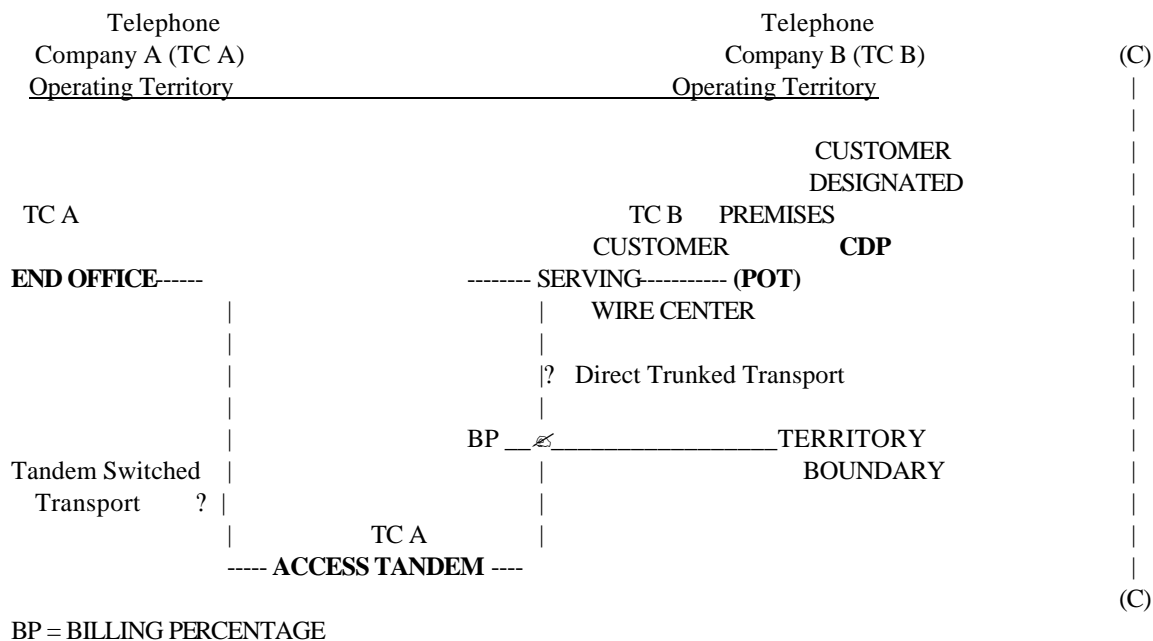
2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

(4) Example 1 - Switched Access Layout (C)

- a) Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office. (C)
- b) End Office and access tandem are in operating territory of Telephone Company A. (C)
- c) Customer designated premises is in operating territory of Telephone Company B.





## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (4) Example 1 - Switched Access (Continued) (N)

The following examples reflect rates for Non-ECA company (TC A). Rates for ECA company would appear in the appropriate access tariff.

Assume: (C)

End Office to Access Tandem:

Airline miles from TC A End Office to TC A Access Tandem = 22.1, rounded = 23.

Access Tandem to Serving Wire Center:

Airline miles from TC A Access Tandem to TC B Serving Wire Center = 25.6, rounded = 26. (C)

Billing Percentage (BP)

TC A = 40% (C)

TC B = 60% (C)

Access Minutes (AM) = 9000

Tandem Switched Facility Rate - TSF

Tandem Switched Termination Rate - TST

Tandem Switching Rate - TS

Transport Interconnection Charge - TIC (C)

Carrier Common Line Charge - CCL

End Office Charges - EO

Direct Trunked Facility Rate - DTF (N)

Direct Trunked Termination Rate - DTT (N)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (4) Example 1 - Switched Access (Continued) (C)

Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility charge  
= 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x TSF rate (C)Tandem Switched Termination charge  
= 9,000 min. x TST rateTandem Switching charge  
= 9,000 x TS rateTransport Interconnection charge (C)  
= 9,000 min. x TIC rate (C)Carrier Common Line charge  
= 9,000 min. x CCL rateEnd Office charges  
= 9,000 min. x EO ratesDirect Trunked Facility Charge (N)  
= 26 miles x DTF rate x 40% |Direct Trunked Termination Charge |  
= 1 termination x DTT rate (N)

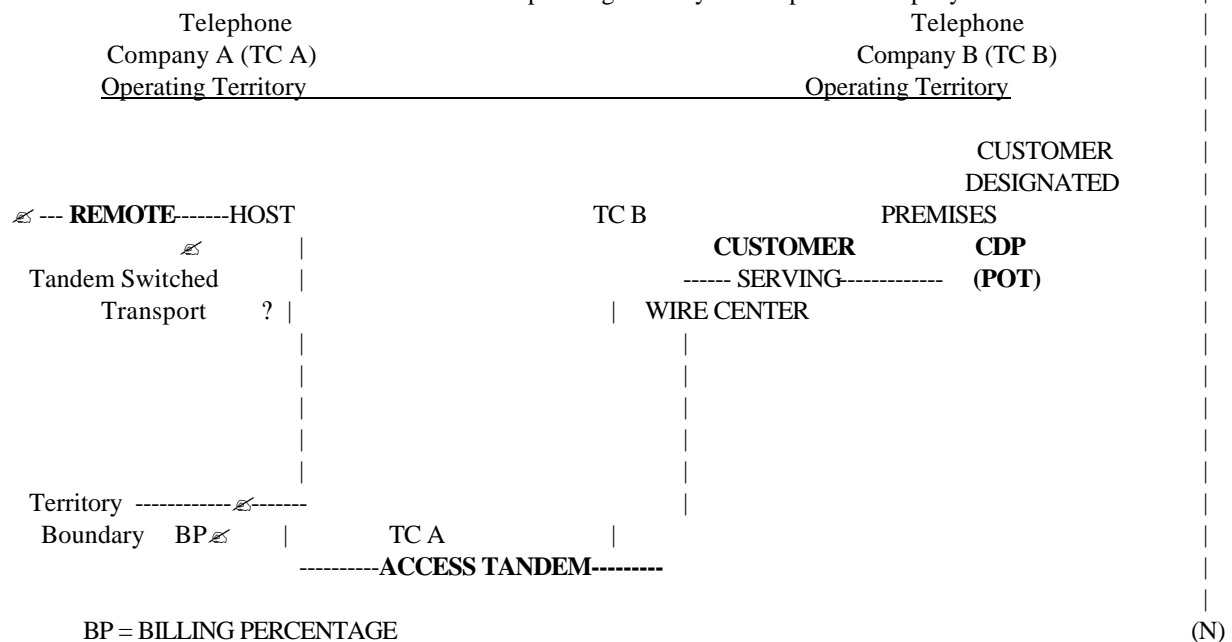
## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangments and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (5) Example 2 - Switched Access Layout

(N)

- a) Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to Host/Remote facility.
- b) Host/Remote facility in operating territory of Telephone Company A.
- c) Access Tandem and customer designated premises are in operating territory of Telephone Company B.



Certain regulations previously found on this page can now be found on Original Page 108.5.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

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## (5) Example 2 - Switched Access (Continued)

The following examples reflect rates for Non-ECA company (TC A). Rates for ECA company would appear in the appropriate access tariff.

Assume:

Airline miles (ALM) TC A Remote Switch to TCA Host Switch = 22.1, rounded = 23

Airline miles TC A Host Switch and TC B Access Tandem = 30

Billing Percentage (BP)

TC A = 20%

TC B = 80%

Access Minutes (AM) = 9000

Tandem Switched Facility Rate - TSF

Tandem Switched Termination Rate - TST

Tandem Switching Rate - TS

Transport Interconnection Charge - TIC

Carrier Common Line Charge - CCL

End Office Charges - EO

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(A) Meet Point Billing (Continued)

## (5) Example 2 - Switched Access (Continued)

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Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility charge  
= (9,000 min. x 23 mi. x TSF rate)  
+ (9,000 min. x 30 mi. x 20% x TSF Rate)

Tandem Switched Termination charge  
= 9,000 min. x TST rate

Transport Interconnection charge  
= 9,000 min. x TIC rate

Carrier Common Line charge  
= 9,000 min. x CCL rate

End Office charges  
= 9,000 min. x EO rates

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)(B) Single Company Billing

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Pursuant to a revenue-sharing arrangement with South Central Bell Telephone Company for the provision of FGA Access, Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. will receive the order from the Customer for FGA Access, will arrange to provide the service, determine the applicable charges and bill the Customer the total cost of FGA Access, which includes South Central Bell Telephone Company's cost of FGA Access, in accordance with this Access Service tariff.

Where South Central Bell Telephone Company and Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. have a Meet Point Billing arrangement as set forth in (A) preceding, Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. is precluded from billing under the revenue-sharing arrangement described above with South Central Bell Telephone Company.

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Certain regulations on this page formerly appeared on 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 108.2

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company  
(Continued)

- (C) All other appropriate charges in each Telephone Company's tariff are applicable.

Certain regulations on this page formerly appeared on 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 108.3

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)
- 2.5 Connections |
- 2.5.1 General |
- Equipment and Systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Switched and Special Access Service furnished by the Telephone Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1 and in 2.1 preceding. | (M)

Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on page 51 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.



## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

800 Data Base Access Service

The term "800 Data Base Access Service" denotes a service which uses a data base system to identify 800 access customers on a 10-digit basis. For purposes of administering the rules and regulations set forth in this tariff regarding the provision of 800 Database Access, except where otherwise specified, 800 Database Access Service shall include the following service access codes 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822.

800 Series

The term "800 Series" denotes the service access codes of 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822.

Access Code

The term "Access Code," with the exception of Feature Group B (FGB) with an Abbreviated Dial Arrangement (ADA), denotes a uniform access code assigned by the Telephone Company to an individual customer in the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX. Access codes for FGB with an ADA are explained in Section 6. following. (C)

Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the originating end user's call is delivered by the Telephone Company to and acknowledged as received by the Customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the end user in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating exchanges, as applicable.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Access Tandem

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The term "Access Tandem" denotes a Telephone Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a Customer's designated premises.

Answer/Disconnect Supervision

The term "Answer/Disconnect Supervision" denotes the transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to the Customer's point of termination as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

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Certain material on this page formerly appeared on 1st Revised Page 110.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Attenuation Distortion

The term "Attenuation Distortion" denotes the difference in loss at specified frequencies relative to the loss at 1004 Hz, unless otherwise specified.

Authorized Billing Agent

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The term "Authorized Billing Agent" denotes a third party hired by a telecommunications service provider to perform billing and collection services for the telecommunications service provider.

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 (N) (x)
Balance (100 Type) Test Line

The term "Balance (100 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for balance and noise testing.

Bit

The term "Bit" denotes the smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Billing Name and Address

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The term "Billing Name and Address" denotes the name and address provided to a local exchange company by each of its local exchange customers to which the local exchange company direct bills for its services.

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 (N) (x)
Bulk Basis

The term "Bulk Basis" denotes the billing name and address information for all the local exchange service subscribers of a local exchange carrier.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Business Day

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The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. Generally, in the business community, these are 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 6:00 p.m., respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week. However, Business Day hours for the Telephone Company is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the Customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service access minutes the Customer expects to be handled in an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. period for the Feature Group ordered. This Customer furnished BHMC quantity is the input data the Telephone Company uses to determine the number of transmission paths for the Feature Group ordered.

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Call

The term "Call" denotes a Customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

(x) Issued under authority of special permission number 93-398 of the Federal Communications Commission.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier

CCS

The term "CCS" denotes a hundred call seconds which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g., trunks).

CCS7 Signaling Connection

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The CCS7 Signaling Connection provides a 56 kbps facility dedicated to a single customer which originates at the Customer's signaling point of interface in a LATA and terminates at the Telephone Company's Signaling Transfer Point (STP). This facility connects the customer to the Bay Springs STP. Each Customer's connection to an STP requires four signaling connections.

CCS7 Signaling Termination

The CCS7 Signaling Termination provides a customer dedicated point of interface at the Telephone Company's STP for each of the Customer's SS7 links.

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Central Office

The term "Central Office" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

Central Office Maintenance Technician

The term "Central Office Maintenance Technician" denotes a Telephone Company employee who performs installation and/or repair work, including testing and trouble isolation, within the Telephone Company Central Office.

Certain material previously found on this page can now be found on Original Page 113.1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Central Office Prefix

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The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven digit telephone number assigned to a Customer's Telephone Exchange Service when dialed on a local basis.

Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing

The term "Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing" denotes a type of testing which includes the capacity for measuring operational and transmission parameters.

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Certain material on this page formerly appeared on 1st Revised Page 113.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Channel(s)

The term "Channel(s)" denotes an electrical or photonic, in the case of fiber optic-based transmission systems, communications path between two or more points of termination.

Channel Service Unit

The term "Channel Service Unit" denotes equipment which performs one or more of the following functions: termination of digital facility, regeneration of digital signals, detection and/or correction of signal format error, and remote loop back.

Channelize

The term "Channelize" denotes the process of multiplexing-demultiplexing wider bandwidth or higher speed channels into narrower bandwidth or lower speed channels.

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 93 and 93.1 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)(D)  
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(D)Common Line

The term "Common Line" denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs of the Telephone Company, terminated on a central office switch. A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs. A common line-business is a line provided under the business regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs.

Communications System

The term "Communications System" denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company.

Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (Customers) and End users.



## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Customer Designated Premises

The term "Customer Designated Premises" denotes the premises specified by the Customer for the provision of Access Service.

Customer Message

The term "Customer Message" used herein for Feature Group A Switched Access Service denotes a completed call over an interstate Feature Group A Switched Access Service. A completed call includes both completed calls originated to and terminated from a Feature Group A Switched Access Service. A Customer message begins in the originating direction when the off-hook supervision provided by the premise of the ordering Customer is received by Telephone Company recording equipment. A Customer message begins in the terminating direction when answer supervision is received by Telephone Company recording equipment indicating the called party has answered. A Customer message ends in the originating direction when disconnect supervision is received by Telephone Company recording equipment from the premise of the ordering Customer. A Customer message ends in the terminating direction when disconnect supervision is received by Telephone Company recording equipment from either the premise of the ordering Customer or the called party.

The term "Customer Message" used herein for Feature Group D Switched Access Service (C) denotes a completed interstate call originated by a Customer's end user. A Customer message begins when answer supervision from the premise of the ordering Customer is received by Telephone Company recording equipment indicating that the called party has answered. A message ends when disconnect supervision is received by Telephone Company recording equipment from either the premise of the ordering Customer or the Customer's end user premise from which the call originated.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmission (107 type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement which provides for a connection to a signal source which provides test signals for one-way testing of data and voice transmission parameters.

Decibel

The term "Decibel" denotes a unit used to express relative difference in power, usually between acoustic or electric signals, equal to ten (10) times the common logarithm of the ratio of two signal powers.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" denotes noise power measurements with C-Message Weighting in decibels relative to a reference 1000 Hz tone of 90 dB below 1 milliwatt.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to O

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to O" denotes noise power in "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" referred to or measured at a zero transmission level point.

Dedicated Transport

The term "Dedicated Transport" denotes the transmission of the Customer's switched access traffic between the Customer's serving wire center and the customer designated Telephone Company end office switch(es).

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Detail Billing

The term "Detail Billing" denotes the listing of each message and/or rate element for which charges to a Customer are due on a bill prepared by the Telephone Company.

Digital Switched 56 Service

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The term "Digital Switched 56 Service" denotes a switched access optional feature available with Feature Group D Access, which provides for data transmission at up to 56 Kilobits per second.

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(N)Directory Assistance (Interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance" denotes the provision of telephone numbers by a Telephone Company operator when the operator location is accessed by a Customer by dialing NPA + 555-1212 or 555-1212.

Directory Assistance Location (Interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance Location" denotes a Telephone Company office where telephone company equipment first receives the Directory Assistance call from the Customer's end user and selects the first operator position to respond the Directory Assistance call.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

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2.6 Definitions (Continued)Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

The term "Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling" denotes a type of signaling that is an optional feature of Switched Access Feature Group A. It may be utilized when Feature Group A is being used in the terminating direction (from the point of termination with the Customer to the local exchange end office). An office arranged for Dual Tone Multifrequency Signaling would expect to receive address signals from the Customer in the form of Dual Tone Multifrequency signals.

Echo Control

The term "Echo Control" denotes the control of reflected signals in a telephone transmission path.

Echo Path Loss

The term "Echo Path Loss" denotes the measure of reflected signal at a 4-wire point of interface without regard to the send and receive Transmission Level Point.

Echo Return Loss

The term "Echo Return Loss" denotes a frequency weighted measure of return loss over the middle of the voiceband (approximately 500 to 2500 Hz), where talker echo is most annoying.

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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 95 and 95.1 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Effective 2-Wire

The term "Effective 2-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous transmission in both directions over a channel, but it is not possible to insure independent information transmission in both directions. Effective 2-wire channels may be terminated with 2-wire or 4-wire interfaces.

Effective 4-Wire

The term "Effective 4-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a channel. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of the Telephone Company (physical, time domain, frequency-domain separation or echo cancellation techniques). Effective 4-wire channels may be terminated with a 2-wire interface at the Customer's designated premises. However, when terminated 2-wire, simultaneous independent transmission cannot be supported because the two wire interface combines the transmission paths into a single path.

End Office Switch

The term "End Office Switch" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to trunks. This includes Remote Line Locations served by a Host Central Office in a different wire center. (T)  
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)End User

The term "End User" denotes any Customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an "end user" when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

Entrance Facility

The term "Entrance Facility" denotes a Switched Access Service dedicated Local Transport facility between the Customer's serving wire center and the Customer's premises.

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Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Envelope Delay Distortion

The term "Envelope Delay Distortion" denotes a measure of the linearity of the phase versus frequency of a channel.

Equal Access

The switched access service provided by a local exchange company as trunk side switching through the use of an end office or access tandem switch equipment. Where no access code is required, the number dialed by the customer shall be a seven or ten digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer is NXX - XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX - XXXX, NPA + NXX - XXXX, 0 or 0 + NPA + NXX - XXXX, and when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN. Equal access is also known as Feature Group D.

Certain material previously found on this page can now be found on 2nd Revised Page 121.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Equal Level Echo Path Loss

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The term "Equal Level Echo Path Loss" (ELEPL) denotes the measure of Echo Path Loss (EPL) at a 4-wire interface which is corrected by the difference between the send and receive Transmission Level Point (TLP). [ELEPL = EPL - TLP (send) + TLP (receive)].

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Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit generally smaller than a Local Access and Transport Area, established by the Telephone Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given Local Access and Transport Area.

Exit Message

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The term "Exit Message" denotes an SS7 message sent to an end office by the Telephone Company's tandem switch to mark the Carrier Connect Time when the Telephone Company's tandem switch sends an Initial Address Message to an interexchange customer.

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Field Identifier

The term "Field Identifier" denotes two to four characters that are used on service orders to convey specific instructions. Field Identifiers may or may not have associated data. Selected Field Identifiers are used in Telephone Company billing systems to generate nonrecurring charges.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Telephone Company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the Customer designated premises to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last Telephone Company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the Customer designated premises.

Frequency Shift

The term "Frequency Shift" denotes the change in the frequency of a tone as it is transmitted over a channel.

Grandfathered

The term "Grandfathered" denotes Terminal Equipment, Multiline Terminating Systems and Protective Circuitry directly connected to the facilities utilized to provide services under the provisions of this tariff, and which are considered grandfathered under Part 68 of the F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

Host Central Office

The term "Host Central Office" denotes an electronic local Telephone Company End Office where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. Additionally, this type of End Office contains the central call processing functions which service itself and its Remote Switching Modules/Systems.

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Hub

The term "Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed for customers served out of any wire center.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued) (M)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Immediately Available Funds

The term "Immediately Available Funds" denotes a corporate or personal check drawn on a bank account and funds which are available for use by the receiving party on the same day on which they are received and include U.S. Federal Reserve bank wire transfers, U.S. Federal Reserve notes (paper cash), U.S. coins, U.S. Postal Money Orders and New York Certificates of Deposit.

Impedance Balance

The term "Impedance Balance" denotes the method of expressing Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss at a 4-wire interface whereby the gains and/or loss of the 4-wire portion of the transmission path, including the hybrid, are not included in the specification.

Impulse Noise

The term "Impulse Noise" denotes any momentary occurrence of the noise on a channel over a specified level threshold. It is evaluated by counting the number of occurrences which exceed the threshold.

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Certain regulations appearing on this page formerly appeared on pages 98.1 and 99 of EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. No. 1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Individual Case Basis

The term "Individual Case Basis" denotes a condition in which the regulations, if applicable, rates and charges for an offering under the provisions of this tariff are developed based on the circumstances in each case.

Initial Address Message

The term "Initial Address Message" denotes an SS7 message sent in the forward direction to initiate trunk set up, reserve an outgoing trunk and process the information about that trunk along with other data relating to the routing and handling of the call to the next switch.

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Inserted Connection Loss

The term "Inserted Connection Loss" denotes the 1004 Hz power difference (in dB) between the maximum power available at the originating end and the actual power reaching the terminating end through the inserted connection.

Installation and Repair Technician

The term "Installation and Repair Technician" denotes a Telephone Company employee who performs installation and/or repair work, including testing and trouble isolation, outside of the Telephone Company Central Office and generally at the Customer's designated premises.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Interexchange Carrier (Customer) or Interexchange Common Carrier

The term "Interexchange Carrier" (Customer) or "Interexchange Common Carrier" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

Intermediate Hub

The term "Intermediate Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed only for customers served by that wire center and wire centers that subtend the hub as specified in N.E.C.A. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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Intermodulation Distortion

The term "Intermodulation Distortion" denotes a measure of the nonlinearity of a channel. It is measured using four tones, and evaluating the ratios (in dB) of the transmitted composite four-tone signal power to the second-order products of the tones (R2), and the third-order products of the tones (R3).

Interstate Communications

The term "Interstate Communications" denotes both interstate and foreign communications.

Intrastate Communications

The term "Intrastate Communications" denotes any communications within a state subject to oversight by a state regulatory commission as provided by the laws of the state involved.

LEC Joint Use Card

The term "LEC Joint Use Card" denotes a calling card bearing an account number assigned by a local exchange carrier, used for the services of the local exchange carrier and a designated interexchange carrier, and validated by access to data maintained by the local exchange carrier.

Certain material previously found on this page can now be found on Original Page 125.1.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Legal Holiday

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The term "Legal Holiday" denotes days other than Saturday or Sunday for which the Telephone Company is normally closed. This includes New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed and other locally observed holidays when the Telephone Company is closed.

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Line-Side Connection

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The term "Line-Side Connection" denotes a connection of a transmission path to the line side of a local exchange switching system.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Local Access and Transport Area

The term "Local Access and Transport Area" denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

Local Area Network

The term "Local Area Network" denotes a network permitting the interconnection and intercommunication of a group of computers.

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Local Tandem Switch

The term "Local Tandem Switch" denotes a local Telephone Company switching unit by which local or access telephonic communications are switched to and from an End Office Switch.

Loop Around Test Line

The term "Loop Around Test Line" denotes an arrangement utilizing a Telephone Company central office to provide a means to make certain two-way transmission tests on a manual basis. This arrangement has two central office terminations, each reached by means of separate telephone numbers and does not require any specific Customer designated premises equipment. Equipment subject to this test arrangement is at the discretion of the Customer.

Loss Deviation

The term "Loss Deviation" denotes the variation of the actual loss from the designed value.

Message

The term "Message" denotes a "call" as defined preceding.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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| 2.  | <u>General Regulations</u> (Continued)   | (S) (y)            |
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|     | <u>Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line</u>  |                    |
|     | The term "Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides a 1004 Hz tone at 0 dBmO for one-way transmission measurements toward the Customer's designated premises from the Telephone Company end office.   | (S) (y)<br>(T) (x) |
|     | <u>Network Control Signaling</u>   | (S) (y)            |
|     | The term "Network Control Signaling" denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charge signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identifications, rate of flow, service selection error control and audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of the telecommunications system. |                    |
|     | <u>Nonsynchronous Test Line</u>  |                    |
|     | The term "Nonsynchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in step-by-step end offices which provides operational tests which are not as complete as those provided by the synchronous test lines, but can be made more rapidly.   |                    |
|     | <u>North American Numbering Plan</u>   |                    |
|     | The term "North American Numbering Plan" denotes a three-digit area (Numbering Plan Area) code and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office code plus a four-digit station number.   |                    |
|     | <u>Off-Hook</u>  |                    |
|     | The term "Off-hook" denotes the active condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.  | (S) (y)            |
- (x) Issued on not less than 1 day's notice under authority of special permission number 86-142 of the Federal Communications Commission.
- (y) Reissued material effective March 1, 1986.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)On-Hook

The term "On-hook" denotes the idle condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service Line.

Open Circuit Test Line

The term "Open Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides an ac open circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of an inductor of several Henries.

Originating Direction

The term "Originating Direction" denotes the use of access service for the origination of calls from an End User Premises to a Customer designated Premises.

Pay Telephone

The term "Pay Telephone" denotes a coin or coinless instrument provided in a public or semipublic place where Payphone Service Provider customers can originate telephonic communications and pay the applicable charges by (1) inserting coins into the equipment, or (2) using a credit card, or (3) third party billing the call or (4) calling collect.

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Payphone Service Provider

The term "Payphone Service Provider" denotes an entity that provides pay telephone service, which is the provision of public, semi-public or inmate pay telephone service.

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Phase Jitter

The term "Phase Jitter" denotes the unwanted phase variations of a signal.

Point of Termination

The term "Point of Termination" denotes the point of demarcation within a Customer-designated premises at which the Telephone Company's responsibility for the provision of Access Service ends.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

Premises

The term "Premises" denotes a building or buildings on continuous property (except Railroad Right-of-Way, etc.) not separated by a public highway.

Release Message

The term "Release Message" denotes an SS7 message sent in either direction to indicate that a specific circuit is being released.

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Remote Line Locations

The term "Remote Line Locations" denotes small, remotely controlled electronic end office switches which obtain their call processing capability from an ESS-type Host Office. The RSM/RSS cannot accommodate direct trunks to a Customer.

Return Loss

The term "Return Loss" denotes a measure of the similarity between the two impedances at the junction of two transmission paths. The higher the return loss, the higher the similarity.



ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

Registered Equipment

The term "Registered Equipment" denotes the Customer's designated premises equipment which complies with and has been approved within the Registration Provisions of Part 68 of the F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

Service Access Code

The term "Service Access Code" denotes a 3 digit code in the NPA format which is used as the first three digits of a 10 digit address and which is assigned for special network uses. Whereas NPA codes are normally used for identifying specific geographical areas, certain Service Access Codes have been allocated in the North American Numbering Plan to identify generic services or to provide access capability. Examples of Service Access Codes include the 800 and 900 codes.

Service Switching Point (SSP)

The term "Service Switching Point" denotes an end office or tandem which, in addition to having SS7 and SP capabilities, is also equipped to query centralized data bases. (Z)

Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" denotes the wire center from which the Customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone from the Telephone Company.

Seven Digit Manual Test Line

The term "Seven Digit Manual Test Line" denotes an arrangement which allows the Customer to select balance, milliwatt and synchronous test lines by manually dialing a seven digit number over the associated access connection.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Shortage of Facilities or Equipment

The term "Shortage of Facilities or Equipment" denotes a condition which occurs when the Telephone Company does not have appropriate cable, switching capacity, bridging or, multiplexing equipment, etc., necessary to provide the Access Service requested by the Customer.

Short Circuit Test Line

The term "Short Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for an ac short circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least four microfarads.

Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio

The term "Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio" denotes the ratio in dB of a test signal to the corresponding C-Notched Noise.

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the Telephone Company's SS7 network and performs SS7 message signal routing and screening.

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port" denotes the point of termination and interconnection to the STP.

Signaling Point (SP)

The term "Signaling Point (SP)" denotes an SS7 network interface element capable of originating and terminating SS7 trunk signaling messages.

Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)

The term "Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)" denotes the customer designated location where the SS7 signaling information is exchanged between the Telephone Company and the customer.

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2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Signaling System 7 (SS7)

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The term "Signaling System 7 (SS7)" denotes the layered protocol used for standardized common channel signaling in the United States and Puerto Rico.

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Signaling Return Loss

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The term "Signaling Return Loss" denotes the frequency weighted measure of return loss at the edges of the voiceband (200 to 500 Hz and 2500 to 3200 Hz), where singing (instability) problems are most likely to occur.

Special Order

The term "Special Order" denotes an order for a Billing and Collection Service.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through that tandem.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

Synchronous Test Line

The term "Synchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which performs marginal operational tests of supervisory and ring-tripping functions.

Tandem Switched Transport

The term "Tandem Switched Transport" denotes transport from the tandem to the end office that is switched at a tandem. (C)

Telecommunications Service Provider

The term "Telecommunications Service Provider" denotes interexchange carriers, operator service providers, enhanced service providers, and any other provider of telecommunications services.

Terminating Direction

The term "Terminating Direction" denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from a Customer designated premises to an End User premises.

Terminus Hub

The term "Terminus Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed only for Customers served directly by the same wire center.

Throughput

The term "Throughput" denotes the number of data bits successfully transferred in one direction per unit of time.

Traffic

The term "Traffic" denotes a volume of customer access minutes of use or calls for Switched Access Service.

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

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The term "Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides far-end access to a responder and permits two-way loss and noise measurements to be made on trunks from a near end office.

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering, e.g., a voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant typically used in the telecommunications industry.

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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)2.6 Definitions (Continued)Trunk

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The term "Trunk" denotes a communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

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Trunk Group

The term "Trunk Group" denotes a set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

Trunk Side Connection

The term "Trunk Side Connection" denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk side of a local exchange switching system.

Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

Uniform Service Order Code

The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment.

V & H Coordinates Method

The term "V & H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

WATS Access Line

The WATS Access Line provides for the transmission path between a serving wire center associated with a Customer designated premises (End User) and the WATS Serving Office when those offices are not colocated. (D) (x)  
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WATS Access Service

A WATS Access Service connects one Customer designated premises on a directly connected basis to a Telephone Company WATS Serving Office where WATS switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed.

WATS Serving Office

The term "WATS Serving Office" denotes a Telephone Company designated serving wire center where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS or WATS-type services.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

2. General Regulations (Continued)

2.6 Definitions (Continued)

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

Wireless Switching Center

The term "Wireless Switching Center" denotes a Telephone Company designated serving wire center where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS or WATS-type services.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service

3.1 General

Carrier Common Line Access Services provides for the use of Telephone Company common lines by Customers for access to End Users to furnish Customer interstate or foreign telecommunications service.

3.2 Regulations, Rates and Charges

Regulations, Rates and Charges for Carrier Common Line Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 3. of the Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. (T)

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

4. End User Access Service

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access Service (End User Access) to End Users who obtain local exchange service from the Telephone Company under its general and/or local exchange tariffs.

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4.1 General Description

End User Access provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL).

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4.2 Limitations

(A) A telephone number is not provided with End User Access.

(B) Detail billing is not provided with End User Access.

(C) Directory listings are not included with End User Access.

(D) Intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

4.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provide use of an End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in 4.6 following, as follows:

(A) Use of an EUCL by an End User in connection with interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the End User obtains local exchange service.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

4. End User Access Service (Continued)

4.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Continued)

- (B) The Telephone Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with Customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

4.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances

(A) Minimum Period

The minimum period for which EUCL End User Access is provided to an End User and for which charges are applicable is the same as that in the general and/or local exchange tariffs for the associated local exchange service.

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4. End User Access Service (Continued)4.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Continued)(B) Cancellation of Application

End User Access is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply. (D) (x)

(C) Changes to Orders

When changes are made to orders for the local exchange service associated with End User Access, any necessary changes will be made for End User Access. No charges will apply. (D) (x)

(D) Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to an EUCL, requested End User Access credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in Section 2.4.4 preceding. (D) (x)

(E) Temporary Suspension of Service

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service which is associated with EUCL, one-half of the EUCL per month charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

4. End User Access Service (Continued)

4.5 Rate Regulations

- (A) EUCL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service.

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- (B) When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the same Telephone Company, and when a local exchange service is provided as a business multiparty service under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the End User Common Line (EUCL) Multiline Business Subscribers - Individual line or trunk rate shall apply to each party provided Multiline Business multiparty service, as set forth in 4.6(B) following.

- (C) When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service, and when the local business exchange service is provided as a business multiparty service under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate shall apply to each party provided single line business multiparty service, as set forth in 4.6(A) following.

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4. End User Access Service (Continued)4.5 Rate Regulations (Continued)

- (D) When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state, by the same Telephone Company, pay telephone, multiparty and centrex services included, and when a local exchange service is provided as semi-public service under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the End User Common Line (EUCL) Multiline Business - Individual line or trunk rate, as set forth in 4.6(B) following, applies to each such multiline business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. (C)  
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- (E) When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service in a state, multiparty and centrex services included, and when the local business exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate, as set forth in 4.6(A) following, applies to each such business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. (C)  
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- (F) When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state, by the same Telephone Company, and when a local exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs that is not covered by (B), (C), and (D) preceding, the End User Common Line (EUCL) - Multiline Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 4.6(B) following applies to each such Multiline Business individual line or trunk.
- (G) The EUCL-Multiline Business rate will be assessed when a Payphone Service Provider obtains an exchange service line for the purpose of offering pay telephone service. (N)  
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## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

4. End User Access Service (Continued)4.5 Rate Regulations (Continued)

- (H) When an end user is provided a local business exchange service in a state, and when the local business exchange service is provided as a local business exchange service under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate, as set forth in 4.6(A) following, applies to each such business individual line or trunk.
- (I) When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service in a state, and when the local residence exchange service is provided as a multiparty service under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL and the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate shall apply to each party provided residence multiparty service as set forth in 4.6(A) following.
- (J) When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service(s) in a state, multiparty and centrex services included, and when local residence exchange or centrex service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the End User (EUCL) Residence - Individual line or trunk rate, as set forth in 4.6(A) following, applies to each such local residence exchange trunk. These rates may be reduced as set forth in "Telephone Lifeline Assistance." (C)  
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- (K) When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service in a state, and when the local residence exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the End User Common Line (EUCL) Residence and Single Line Business Subscriber - Individual line or trunk rate, as set forth in 4.6(A) following, shall be reduced to the extent of the state assistance, or waived in full if the state assistance equals or exceeds the residential End User Common Line Charge (EUCL), as provided in Section 69.203(g) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

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| 4.  | <u>End User Access Service</u> (Continued)   | (N) (x) |
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| 4.5 | <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Continued)  |         |
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| (L) | For each local exchange service provided as Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) residential or business service, under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, End User Access charges do not apply. |         |
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- (x) Issued on not less than 1 day's notice under authority of special permission number 86-142 of the Federal Communications Commission.

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4. End User Access Service (Continued)4.6 Rates and Charges

The rates for End User Access are:

(A) End User Common Line (EUCL) - Residence and Single Line Business SubscriberRate Per Month

- Individual line or trunk, each \$6.00

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(B) End User Common Line (EUCL) - Multiline Business SubscriberRate Per Month

- Individual line or trunk, each \$9.20

4.7 Billed Number Screening(A) Billed Number Screening Service

Billed Number Screening (BNS) Service is an optional end user feature available, where technically feasible, for line-side services provided by the Telephone Company under its Local and/or General Exchange Service tariffs.

Interexchange Carriers or Operator Service Providers can obtain the Billed Number Screening information on the Telephone Company line-side services through a Line Information Data Base (LIDB).

The rates for the Billed Number Screening Service are:

<u>Optional Feature</u>	<u>Rate</u>
No Collect or Bill-to-Third	ICB
No Bill-to-Third	ICB
No Collect	ICB

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4. End User Access Service (Continued)4.7 Billed Number Screening (Continued)(B) Confirmation Service

Confirmation Service is a service that is available to any type of end user for the verification of any Billed Number Screening Service that was provided by the Telephone Company as defined in Section 4.7.(A).

This optional end user service is available from any Telephone Company Service Center either in a verbal or written format as requested by the end user.

The rates for Confirmation Service are:

<u>Optional Feature</u>	<u>Rate</u>
No Collect or Bill-to-Third	ICB
No Bill-to-Third	ICB
No Collect	ICB

(C) Nonchargeable Confirmation Service

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At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company business office will confirm BNS codes associated with a line to which a call is to be billed.

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(N)4.8 Originating Line Screening

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in Section 13. will apply to orders adding OLS codes that are placed subsequent to the initial installation of the associated exchange service line. This charge does not apply when OLS codes are removed from an exchange service line at the same time that the exchange service line is disconnected.

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OLS codes may be delivered using Line Information Database (LIDB) or Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) technology. Those telephone companies delivering OLS codes using LIDB are identified in NECA Tariff FCC No. 4, as are those companies delivering OLS codes using Flex ANI.

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The rate for OLS is:

\$7.95

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